

**Boiler Tubes.**—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1 1/4-inch, 10c.; 1 1/2-inch, 9c. per 10 feet; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2 1/4-inch, \$10; 2 1/2-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$11 to \$11.50; 3 1/2-inch, \$18 to \$18.50 per 100 feet. (514).

**Building Paper.**—Plain, 27c. per roll; tarred, 35c. per roll. Demand is moderate. (518).

**Bricks.**—In active movement, with very firm tone. Price at some yards \$9 to \$9.50, at others, \$9.50 to \$10 for common. Don Valley pressed brick are in request. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 delivered and \$17 at works per 1,000. (518).

**Broken Stone.**—Lime stone, good hard, for roadways or concrete, f.o.b., Schaw station, C.P.R., 75c. until further notice, per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. Rubble stone, 55c. per ton, Schaw station, and a good deal moving. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa. (518).

**Cement.**—Car lots, \$1.75 per barrel, without bags. In 1,000 barrel lots \$1.60. In smaller parcels \$1.90 is asked by city dealers. Bags, 40c. extra. (61, 518).

**Coal.**—Anthracite, \$7.25 net at retail for grate, egg, stove, chestnut; pea coal, \$6. We suspend quotations for bituminous, owing to the strike in the Virginia and Pittsburg coal mines. It is impossible to get quotations meanwhile. Stocks in Canada are small, and manufacturers are apprehensive.

**Copper Ingot.**—The market may be described as "very sick," and the price is 13 3/4 to 14c.

**Detonator Caps.**—75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1. (212).

**Dynamite,** per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity. (212).

**Felt Roofing.**—The spring trade has opened very well at an unchanged price, which is \$1.80 per 100 lbs. (518).

**Fire Bricks.**—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Fire clay, \$8 to \$12 per ton. (518).

**Fuses.**—Electric Blasting.—Double strength 4 feet, \$4.50; 6 feet, \$5; 8 feet, \$5.50; 10 feet, \$6. Single strength, 4 feet, \$3.50; 6 feet, \$4; 8 feet, \$4.50; 10 feet, \$5, per 100 count. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet. (212, 217, 377).

**Iron Chain.**—1/4-inch, \$5.75; 5/16-inch, \$5.15; 3/8-inch, \$4.15; 7/16-inch, \$3.95; 1/2-inch, \$3.75; 9/16-inch, \$3.70; 5/8-inch, \$3.55; 3/4-inch, \$3.45; 7/8-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs. (217, 377).

**Iron Pipe.**—A steady request at former prices.—Black, 3/4-inch, \$2.03; 1-inch, \$2.25; 1 1/4-inch, \$2.63; 1 1/2-inch, \$3.28; 1-inch, \$4.70; 1 1/4-inch, \$6.41; 1 1/2-inch, \$7.70; 2-inch, \$10.26; 2 1/2-inch, \$16.39; 3-inch, \$21.52. Galvanized, 3/4-inch, \$2.86; 1-inch, \$3.08; 1 1/4-inch, \$3.48; 1 1/2-inch, \$4.43; 1-inch, \$6.35; 1 1/4-inch, \$8.66; 1 1/2-inch, \$10.40; 2-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet. (185).

**Pig Iron.**—There is great activity and prices are maintained. Clarence quotes at \$21 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21, Summerlee, for winter delivery, \$22.50 in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20 per ton. Producing plants are everywhere busy, and there is considerable business in prospect for 1910. (332, 372).

**Lead.**—The market is slightly easier, we quote \$3.75 to \$3.85.

**Lime.**—Retail price in city 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b., car; in large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car without freight. Demand is moderate. (518).

**Lumber.**—Dimension stuff is in brisk demand, for present or later delivery. Prices are generally firm, especially in pine. We quote dressing pine \$32.00 to \$35.00 per M; common stock boards, \$26 to \$30; cull stocks, \$20; cull sidings, \$17.50; Southern pine dimension timber from \$30 to \$45, according to size and grade; finished Southern pine according to thickness and width, \$30 to \$40. Hemlock in car lots, \$17 to \$17.50; spruce flooring, car lots, \$22 to \$24; shingles, British Columbia, are steady, we quote \$3.10, lath growing scarce and stiffening, No. 1, \$4.40, white pine, 48-inch; No. 2, \$3.75; for 32-inch, \$1.70. (333).

**Nails.**—Wire, \$2.35 base; cut, \$2.60; spikes, \$2.85 per keg of 100 lbs. (217, 377).

**Pitch and Tar.**—Pitch, unchanged at 70c. per 100 lbs. Coal tar dull at \$3.50 per barrel. (518).

**Plaster of Paris.**—Calc. ned. New Brunswick, hammer brand, car lots \$1.95; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 300 lbs. (518).

**Putty.**—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.10. Plasterer's, \$2.15 per barrel of three bushels. (518).

**Ready Roofing.**—An active demand; prices are as per catalogue. (453).

**Roofing Slate.**—Most of the slate used in Canada comes now from Pennsylvania or Maine, the Canadian supply being slender and mostly from the Rockland quarries of the Eastern Townships in Quebec. There is a great variety of sizes and qualities, so that it is difficult to indicate prices. But No. 1 Bangor slate 10 x 16 may be quoted at \$7 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b., cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less. Mottled, \$7.25; green, \$7, with a prospect of advance. Dealers are beginning to be busy. (518).

**Rope.**—Sisal, 9 1/2c. per lb.; pure Manila, 10 1/2c. per lb., Base. (217, 377).

**Sand.**—Sharp, for cement or brick work, 90c. per ton f.o.b., cars, Toronto siding. (518).

**Sewer Pipe.**—

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$.20	\$.30	\$.65	\$.75	\$.10	\$.25
Single junction, 1 or 2 ft. long	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.65
Double junctions	1.50	2.50	5.00	....	8.50	....
Increasers and reducers	....	1.50	2.50	....	4.00	....
P. traps	2.00	3.50	7.50	....	15.00	....
H. H. traps	2.50	4.00	8.00	....	15.00	....

Business moderate; price, 73 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 65 per cent. off list retail. (96, 211, 421).

**Steel Beams and Channels.**—Quiet.—We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs., according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3 per 100 lbs.; angles, 1 1/4 by 7-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees. (65, 77, 94, 241, 362, 363, 372, 454, 551).

**Steel Rails.**—80-lb., \$35 to \$36 per ton. The following are prices per gross ton, for 500 tons or over; Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44, 25 and 30-lb. \$43. (217, 377, 422).

**Sheet Steel.**—The market continues steady; American Bessemer, 10-gauge, \$2.50; 12-gauge, \$2.55; 14-gauge, \$2.35; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.45; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.50; 26-gauge, \$2.65; 28-gauge \$2.85. As the dumping clause has been put in operation, an advance in price may be looked for. (65, 77, 94, 241, 362, 363, 372, 454, 551).

**Sheets Galvanized.**—Apollo Brand.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$2.90; 12-14-gauge, \$3.00; 16, 18, 20, \$3.10; 22-24, \$3.25; 26, \$3.40; 28, \$3.85; 29, \$4.15; 30 3/4, \$4.15 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4; 26, \$3.80 per 100 lbs. A very large tonnage of all sorts has been booked. The feeling is toward an advance. (332).

**Tank Plate.**—3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs. (241, 362).

**Tool Steel.**—Jowett's special pink label, 10 1/2c. Cammel-Laird, 16c. "H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c. (3, 372).

**Tin.**—Irregular outside, but firmly held locally. At present we quote slightly higher, at 3 1/2 to 35c.

**Wheelbarrows.**—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.60 per dozen; set up, \$22.60. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each. (217, 377).

**Zinc Spelter.**—A very active movement continues, and a large business is being done. Price as before, \$5.75 to \$6 per 100 lbs.

**CAMP SUPPLIES.**

**Butter.**—Dairy prints, 25 to 26c.; creamery prints, 30 to 32c., the supply is very limited and the demand brisk. (74).

**Canned Goods.**—Peas, \$1.10 to \$1.50; tomatoes, 35, 85c. to 95c.; pumpkins, 35, 80 to 85c.; corn, 80 to 85c.; peaches, 25, white, \$1.50 to \$1.60; yellow, \$1.90 to \$1.95; strawberries, 25, heavy syrup, \$1.50 to \$1.85; raspberries, 25, \$1.50 to \$1.95. (74).

**Cheese.**—Moderately firm; large, 13c.; twins, 13 1/4c. (74).

**Coffee.**—Rio, green, 11 to 12 1/2c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 15c. (74).

**Dried Fruits.**—Raisins, Valencia, 5 1/4 to 6 1/4c.; seeded, 1-lb. packets, fancy, 7 1/2 to 8c.; 16-oz. packets, choice, 7 to 7 1/2c.; 12-oz. packets, choice, 7c.; Sultanas, good, 5 to 6c.; fine, 6 to 7c.; choice, 7 to 8c.; fancy, 8 to 9c.; Filiatras currants, 6 1/2 to 7c.; Vostizzas, 8 1/4 to 9c.; uncleaned currants, 5c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 15 to 16c. per lb.; prunes, 60s to 70s, 7 1/2 to 8c.; gcs to 100s, 6c.; evaporated apples, 8c. (74).

**Eggs.**—New laid, free receipts, good demand, 20 to 21c. per dozen, in case lots. (74).

**Flour.**—Manitoba Flour.—Quotations at Toronto are:—First patents, \$5.60; second patents, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$4.90; 90 per cents., Glasgow freights, 28s. 6d. Ontario Flour.—Winter wheat patents, for export, \$4.20 to \$4.25, in bupers' sacks outside. (74).

**Lard.**—In small supply, and again advanced. Tierces, 16 1/4c.; tubs, 17c.; pails, 17 1/4 to 17 3/4c. (74).

**Molasses.**—Barbadoes, barrels, 37 to 45c.; West Indian, 27 to 30c.; New Orleans, 30 to 33c. for medium. (74).

**Pork.**—Market very firm. Short cut, \$29 to \$30 per barrel; mess, \$27 to \$28. Light stocks and not much doing. (74).

**Rice.**—B. grade, 3 1/2c. per lb.; Patna, 5 to 5 1/2c.; Japan, 5 to 6c. (74).

**Salmon.**—Fraser River, talls, \$2; flats, \$2; River Inlet, \$1.55 to \$1.75. (74).

**Smoked and Dry Salt Meats.**—Long clear bacon, 15 to 15 1/2c. per lb., tons and cases; hams, large, 17 to 17 1/2c.; small, 17 1/2 to 18c.; rolls, 15 to 15 1/4c.; breakfast bacon, 19 to 20c.; backs (plain), 20 to 21c.; backs (peameal), 21 to 22c.; shoulder hams, 13 1/2c.; green meats out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked. Market very firm. (74).

**Spices.**—Allspice, 15 to 19c.; nutmegs, 30 to 75c.; cream tartar, 22 to 25c.; compound, 15 to 20c.; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 14 to 17c.; pepper, white, 20 to 30c. (74).

**Sugar.**—Granulated, \$5.20 per 100 lbs., in barrels; Acadia, \$5.10; yellow, \$4.80; bags, 5c. lower. (74).

**Syrup.**—Corn syrup, special bright, 3 1/2c. per lb. (74).

**Teas.**—Japans, 20 to 35c. per lb.; Young Hysons, 16 to 35c.; Ceylons, medium, 16 to 45c. (74).

**Vegetables.**—Beans, hand-picked, \$2.35; prime, \$2.25; stocks light, market firm; beets, 85c. a bag; carrots, 60 and 65c. a bag; onions, \$1.25 a bag; potatoes, best, 65 and 70c. a bag; turnips, 45c. a bag. (38).

**TORONTO HORSE MARKET.**

The general outlook for the horse trade is good, prices are still steady with an upward tendency, \$290 has been given in several cases, \$200 to \$225, with the supply very limited.

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Winnipeg, April 12th, 1910.

The splendid weather that has prevailed in Western Canada this spring has brought the building season on with such a rush that supply houses are extraordinarily busy, and in several cases prices have gone up. It is practically impossible to secure common brick at any price, while face brick, cement, stone, and terra cotta, as well as fireproofing brick, are very scarce.

It is estimated that so far this spring more than five millions of bricks have been ordered, and to-day local stocks are exhausted. Dealers are bringing this material to Winnipeg from Portage la Prairie, Beausejour, and Sidney, but the supply is not equal to the demand. It is stated that this shortage in brick alone will delay the building operations on large structures almost a month. Brick which previously sold at ten dollars a thousand is now quoted at eleven dollars.

Lumber has also been increased in price. Both pine and fir products are listed at from two to three dollars per thousand feet in advance of the prices asked at the opening of the year.

The increase in the cost of brick is due to the shortage, and the shortage in turn is caused by the heavy spring demand. The shortage is more noticeable than during any previous year, and may be responsible for many extensions to brick-yards this summer. Winter building is also blamed for the present shortage. Last winter was practically the first winter in the history of the Western Metropolis when building operations were carried on, and reserve stocks of material were greatly depleted by this unexpected condition. Supply firms will not be able to overcome the difficulty until new

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